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NEW SCHEMES FOR USE OF WATER RESOURCES
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce some new schemes in the country for better use of water resources for irrigation especially in rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the irrigation potential created and utilized in the country during the last three years;

(d) the States lagging behind to achieve national average of irrigation capacity; and

(e) the steps taken by the Union Government to increase the irrigation capacity during Tenth Five Year Plan?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR HEAVY INDUSTRIES, PUBLIC ENTERPRISES AND WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV)

(a) & (b) Irrigation being a state subject, schemes for water resources development for irrigation are conceived, planned and implemented by the State Governments. However, Government of India provides Central Loan Assistance (CLA) to State Governments under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) for expeditious completion of on-going projects. The Government of India also provides support under Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Cammand Area Development and Water Management Programme (CAD & WM) with a view to render support for construction of field channels and field drains, enforcement of warabandi, reclamation of waterlogged areas, dissemination of improved techniques for water management and agriculture development etc. There is no proposal for introduction of any new schemes by the Government of India at present.

(c) The irrigation potential created in the country during 2002-03 to 2004-05 is 4.83 million hectare out of which 3.49 million hectare has assessed as potential utilized.

(d) A preliminary analysis suggest that the irrigation potential created out the estimated ultimate irrigation potential is relatively less in the States of Manipur, Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram, Assam, Meghlaya, Jharkhand, Orissa, Goa, Jammu & Kashmir, Sikkim, Tripura, Kerala, Himachal Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Arunachal Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka.

(e) Due thrust was given in the Tenth Five Year Plan with a target of creation of 16.743 million hectare of irrigation potential. Government of India has also provided support to State Governments through CLA under AIBP. Further, irrigation is an important component of "Bharat Nirman".